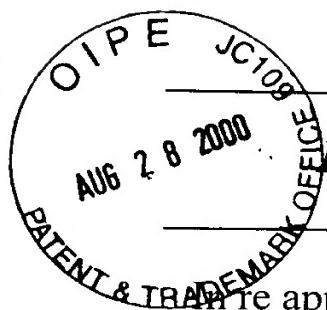


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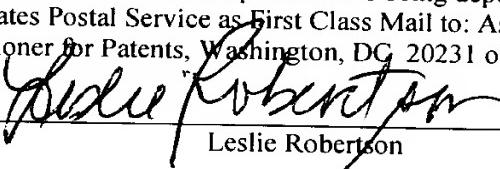
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

	Claims Remaining <u>After Amendment</u>	Highest Previously Paid For	Present Extra	SMALL ENTITY <u>RATE FEE</u>	LARGE ENTITY <u>RATE FEE</u>
TOTAL CLAIMS	<u>44</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>16</u>	X 9 = \$144 OR X18 = \$
INDEP CLAIMS	<u>6</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	X39 = \$78 OR X78 = \$
[] Multiple Dependent Claim Present and Fee Not Previously Paid				\$130=\$0	\$260= \$0
			TOTAL	<u>\$222.00</u>	\$ _____

- Applicant(s) believe that no (additional) Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant(s) hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 50-0388.
- Enclosed is our Check No. 3150 in the amount of \$222.00 to cover the additional claim fee and/or extension of time fees.
- Please charge any additional fees required to facilitate filing the enclosed response, to Deposit Account No. 50-0388 (Order No. CTYOP008). A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Before examination on the merits, please amend the subject patent application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 22, line 30, after "equivalent", please insert the following text -- Part of this process may involve placing a plate onto an imaging stage and reading a bar code. --

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new claims:

- 29. A system for capturing images of cells or cell structures from multiple cell holders, each comprising a plurality of sites in a spatial orientation, each of the sites being capable of holding a plurality of cells to be imaged, the system comprising:
 an image capturing device coupled to the cell holder, the image capturing device being adapted to capture at least one image in at least one of the plurality of sites;